
Business & Financial Services Committee

HB 2242

Brief Description: Requiring the department of licensing to adopt rules regarding online learning for training in cosmetology, manicuring, barbering, esthetics, and instruction.

Sponsors: Representatives Ryu, Jinkins and Miloscia.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Department of Licensing to adopt rules regarding distance or online learning in the areas of cosmetology, manicuring, barbering, esthetics, and instructor-training.

Hearing Date: 1/17/12

Staff: Jon Hedegard (786-7127).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (Department) regulates cosmetology, barbering, manicuring, and esthetics. A person must be licensed to practice these professions. A barber license allows the cutting, trimming, arranging, dressing, curling, shampooing, shaving, and mustache and beard design of the face, neck, and scalp. A cosmetology license allows all these practices, and in addition, allows the following practices involving chemicals: permanent waving, chemical relaxing, straightening, bleaching, lightening, and coloring. The license also allows waxing and tweezing. Finally, the cosmetologist license also allows some of the practices permitted for manicurists and estheticians. To receive a license, a person must meet training requirements and pass an exam.

Minimum training hours at a school consist of:

- cosmetologist, 1,600 hours;
- barber, 1,000 hours;
- manicurist, 600 hours;
- esthetician, 600 hours; and

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- instructor-trainee, 500 hours.

Minimum training hours in an apprenticeship program consist of:

- cosmetologist, 2,000 hours;
- barber, 1,200 hours;
- manicurist, 800 hours; and
- esthetician, 800 hours.

A reciprocity provision allows a person with the equivalent license in another state to take the examination.

The Department:

- establishes curricula for the training of students and apprentices;
- prepares and administers the exams;
- establishes minimum safety and sanitation standards; and
- adopts rules and otherwise administers the provisions.

Summary of Bill:

A number of findings are made regarding the value of distance or online learning.

"Distance or online learning" is defined as theory training provided online by a licensed school in the areas of cosmetology, manicuring, barbering, esthetics, and instructor-training.

The Department must adopt rules regarding distance or online learning.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.